GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5860
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2003
IMPORT OF PALM OIL
ALE NARENDRA;SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the date from which palm oil has been brought under Open General Licence (OGL) and the reasons therefor;

(b) the quantity of palm oil imported during 2001-2002, 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 so far and the countries from which it has been imported alongwith rate thereof, country-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to restrict its import in the interest of the farmers and oil industry of the country;

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the other food items which have been brought under the OGL and the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SU MAHARIA)

(a): Import of RBD Palm oil was made free w.e.f. 31.3.1999. This is as part of the economicliberalization programme of the Government and also in terms of International obligation.

(b): The quantity and value of palm oil imported during 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 (upto December) and the countries from which it has been imported are Annexed.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Restrictions on import of items are being removed as part of the economic liberalization programme of the Government and also in terms of international obligation.

(e): Some food items such as frogs` legs, natural food casings and some spices have been made free w.e.f. 31.3.2003.

ANNEX

ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5860 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 02-05-2(THE LOK SABHA.

REGARDING IMPORT PALM OIL

Year	Articles	Countries	Quantity (kg)	Value (Rs.)
2001-2002	Crude Palm Oil & its fractions	Argentina	745000	11506323
		Australia	234250	2356840
		Brazil	67460000	123397168
		Indonesia	885865553	12230601972
		Japan	2520000	38145105
		Malaysia	776026994	11146155219
		Nepal	24170	580080
		Singapore	648088	9215973
		Slovenia	2496000	40101359
		Thailand	37508070	577529995
		U.Arab Emts.	250000	3738465
		U.S.A.	1000000	15100953
		Unspecified	12434000	162441944
2001-2002	Refined Palm Oil&its fractions	Argentina	500000	5521824
		Indonesia	412482070	5303374937
		Malaysia	576853359	7633218507

Panama Rep. 7999370 117678011
Singapore 6385713 92675334
Thailand 440000 6144337
U.S.A. 458374 6287426
Vietnam
SOC Rep. 1501686 26420666

2002-2003 Crude Palm Oil & its fractions Argentina 999660 19993374

(upto December) Brazil 4699136 123653535
Chinese
Taipei 93000 1725648

Iceland 780557 15377370

Indonesia 1030486628 18772335603
Malaysia 985450399 18863692575
Mayanmar 5500000 107220645
Morocco 15843000 137665379
Nepal 10000 118393
Singapore 2039100 34956146
Slovenia 1750000 34145872
South Africa 5245000 47149841
Sri Lanka 643000 12483074
Thailand 126000 1355917
U.S.A. 2248640 38830862
Unspecified 5524225 114443268

2002-2003 Refined Palm Oil&its fractions China P RP 75 2925

(upto December) Indonesia 149911066 2929224086
Malaysia 88828214 1648591742
Saudi Arab 2000 30587
U.S.A. 200 16116